

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY,
TEXAS, JUNE 18, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 18th day of June 2008 at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 1:30 P.M.

Call to Order for lunch and discussion with City Council, Department Heads and members of the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) preliminary visit team.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Reyna, Baldrige, Dean, and Nelson. She announced that Councilman Manea had an excused absence.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, City Accountant Wallace, Police Chief Wallace, Fire Chief Irwin, Public Works Director Vick, Interim Development Director Flores, Library Director Trent, Intern Work were also present.

Mayor Riley welcomed and introduced the members of the SDAT preliminary visit team from the American Institute of Architects (AIA). She introduced Erin Simmons, Director for Design Assistance from the Center for Communities by Design at the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C. and architect James Sherrell from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mayor Riley explained that they will be meeting with staff, Council, former members of Councils, members of City committees, boards, and commissions, other local officials and the general public to hear community comments on what they expect from the Sustainable Design Assessment Team process and who will also receive information about the City in preparation for the SDAT's visit later in the year.

General discussion among meeting attendees centered on issues that members felt the AIA visitors should know about Leon Valley and concerns for Leon Valley's sustainability:

older structures	City amenities
flood control	losing businesses and decreased sales tax
economic development	smart growth
redevelopment of the business corridor	rebate programs
light rail	environmental awareness
connectivity	attracting sustainable businesses
Bus Rapid Transit programs	disconnection between east and west sides
solar energy	of Bandera Road
City identity	
City resources	

The group discussed definitions of sustainability and the general schedule for the rest of the AIA's visit in Leon Valley.

Adjourn.

Hearing no further business and hearing no objections, Mayor Riley adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Chris Riley

Mayor

Marie Feutz

City Secretary

Approved by unanimous vote of City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of July 15, 2008

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 18th day of June 2008 at the Leon Valley City Conference Center, at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Reyna, Baldrige, Dean and Nelson. Mayor Riley again announced that Councilman Manea had an excused absence due to a work meeting out of the city.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, Public Works Director Vick, Fire Chief Irwin, Interim Development Director Flores, City Accountant Wallace, Library Director Trent, and Administrative Assistants Trejo and Gomez were also present.

SDAT Steering Committee members present included:

James Andrews
Ralph Arias
Tim Baisdon
Al Baldrige
Bianco Briseno
Jose Campuzano
Mike Clemenson
Abraham Diaz
Walter Geraghty

Raul Guerra
Shirley Jonas
Lydia Kelly
Mary Key
Nancy Marin
Jim McAden
Don Modrick
Tom Nolan

Esperanza Olvera
Wendy Phelps
Joe Ramos
Cindy Rangel
David and Susan Smith
Al Uvietta
Gloria Weiss

Mayor Riley welcomed everyone and introduced visiting guests from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Center for Communities by Design's Director of Design Assistance Erin Simmons and Leon Valley's SDAT Project Manager James Sherrell. She introduced Councilmembers and thanked everyone for being a part of the project.

Following dinner, members of the audience introduced themselves to the group and the guests from the American Institute of Architects, Ms. Simmons and Mr. Sherrell, provided an overview of the Sustainable Design Assessment Team process.

Ms. Simmons explained how the SDAT process would tour and study the area, meet with small groups, and the public, and work with groups to process information and make recommendations. She stated that the full SDAT team would return later in the year to work

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with the Steering Committee members, the community and the team to develop a “roadmap” for Leon Valley. Ms. Simmons explained that the SDAT will help the community frame future policies and sustainability solutions taking into consideration environmental stewardship, social equity, economic development, and growth as components of that framework. Ms. Simmons explained that over thirty disciplines were available to be part of the team bringing multi disciplinary expertise to the SDAT team. Ms. Simmons explained that members of the local AIA chapter would help Leon Valley implement their plan after the SDAT team leaves. Mr. Sherrell told the group that he has worked on other SDAT teams in the past and the audience was invited to review the final reports at the AIA website from previous SDAT teams’ projects. The AIA team answered questions from the group and listened to comments made by the audience members as they discussed what they hope that the SDAT process will bring to Leon Valley.

Members were invited to return for the public meeting to be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to hear from the community and the AIA again on what the SDAT will bring to Leon Valley.

Adjourn.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Riley thanked everyone for coming and announced the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

ATTEST:

Chris Riley
Mayor

Marie Feutz
City Secretary

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